



H.Res. 237 – Supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day each year

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 237 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Joe Baca (D-CA) on March 21, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs but was never considered.

H.Res. 237 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 23, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 237 encourages Americans to demonstrate their support for veterans on Veterans Day each year by treating that day as a special day of reflection.

The legislation encourages schools and teachers to educate students on the great contributions veterans have made to the country and its history, both while serving as members of the United States Armed Forces and after completing their service.

H.Res. 237 requests that the President issue a proclamation each year in connection with the observance of Veterans Day calling on the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

BACKGROUND

In 1921, three years after the end of World War One (WWI), several unknown soldiers were buried on November 11th. They were buried in some of the highest places of honor within their countries. In 1926, by an Act of Congress, this day became known as Armistice Day. In 1938, Armistice Day became a national holiday. In 1954, after World War Two (WWII) and the Korean War, "Armistice" was replaced with "Veterans". The day is now used as a way to honor those who have defended democracy by serving in the Armed Forces.

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